

CHESTNUTHILL TOWNSHIP SUPERVISORS
ROUTE 715, BRODHEADSVILLE PA 18322
MINUTES OF MEETING – JULY 20, 2004

A regular meeting of the Chestnuthill Township Board of Supervisors was called to order at 7:00 p.m. on Tuesday, July 20, 2004, at the Municipal Building, Rte 715, Brodheads-ville. Those present were Chuck Gould (Chairman), Maureen Tatu (Vice-Chair), Super-visor Leigh Kane and Atty. Joseph P. McDonald, Jr.

The **Pledge of Allegiance** to the Flag was led by Mr. Bob Baker.

Executive Session. Was held on July 6 for pending litigation and July 19 for real estate issues.

Unit Care Agreement. None.

Public Comment.

Maryellen DeVal. Asked the Board if they knew anything about the Hog Farm coming soon on Gilbert Road. Walter Hansen, Zoning Officer said nothing has been submitted to Zoning and only one acre is located in Chestnuthill Township, the remaining acreage is in Polk Township.

Cheryl Mortimer. Asked about the sign “Coming soon Hog Farm” on Gilbert Road. It is a commercial zone, can the sign be removed. Walter Hansen, Zoning Officer said they could have the sign.

Jim Spinola. Asked about the Township minutes on the Web site? We will check with Jeanette. Cell Tower status at the transfer station? Chuck said we have not heard from the cell people. Transfer station why are we clearing the trees? Chuck said we are mak- ing room for two new bailers and a storage building. MCWMA is pulling out the end of August and we are trying to make a smooth transition. We are in the process of applying for grants for this project. We have also hired Pat Calpi

n to help with this program.

Why are we going after a franchise tax? Leigh answered we have the ability by law to ask Blue Ridge Cable for a percentage of their gross revenue for using our right-of-ways. This would make the cable company accountable to us, and we would be able to use more of their services. Where are we with the master site plan? Leigh replied we are in the process of applying for grants for the master site plan. Sexual Harassment suit are we going to recoup any of the monies. Chuck said we are in the process of looking into re- coupling the money and no further comment at this time.

Minutes. Correction to the July 6th minutes: Under New Business page 3 “Line of Credit” should have included Atty. McDonald and Ms Baker have the Boards approval to fill out the necessary state forms to obtain approval from the state to secure the financing with ESSA Bank & Trust. Under Public Comment page 1 “Bob Baker” misspelled word should read Ronald Reagan Expressway, instead of Regan. On motion made by Maureen, seconded by Leigh it was voted to approve the minutes of the July 6 meeting with the noted corrections. (3-0)

Guest Speaker – Darcy Gannon – Equestrian Trails. Ms. Gannon was present along with a large audience to speak on multi-use trail systems on the Romascavage property. Ms. Gannon said there are approximately 1576 horses in Monroe County and 215,635 horses in Pa from those who returned their survey. They spoke of the Jacobsburg Park in Northampton County and their trails. This area is lacking in multi-use trails. The PA Equine Council will help build and develop trails while maintaining the beauty of the surroundings. Department of Agriculture funding is available. All in attendance pledged their support to help in one way or another and the Board was pleased to have such a turnout.

Correspondence.

Pocono Mountain COG. The annual picnic is being held in Mountain View Park on July 26 at 6:00 p.m. for \$13.25 per person. On motion made by Maureen, seconded by Chuck it was voted to send Maureen and Leigh. (3-0)

Pocono Chamber of Commerce. On August 23 there will be a meeting held at 8:00 am at the Library.

Senator Charlie Dent. Sent a letter thanking us for our input.

Monroe County Cancer Society. Bagging groceries at Kinsley Supermarket on August 10 from 9-5. The employees and Board will participate.

Representatives Scavella & Lewis. Will hold a meeting at the Monroe County Safety Center on August 12 from 10-11 a.m. on state level issues.

Atty. McDonald. Received a letter from Atty. Matt Royer regarding the Penn Future Group of citizens discussing 150 ft buffer zone’s along watersheds.

Roadmaster. None.

Planning Director. None.

Old Business.

Litter Control Donation. Last year’s donation was \$1000.00. On motion made by Leigh, seconded by Maureen it was voted to donate \$1000.00 for this year. (3-0)

Save A Dog Option Contract. This property is located on Rte 115 across from Carriage House Square and is approximately 1+ acre. The asking price is \$3000.00. On motion made by Chuck, seconded by Leigh it was voted to sign the option contract. (3-0) A Phase I environmental assessment of this property must be performed, to ensure there are no environmental hazards. On motion made by Chuck, seconded by Leigh it was voted to approve the proposal for a Phase I study from MEA, Inc for \$1400.00.

Hutchinson Property. This is a 3+-acre parcel located on Rte 115 and McKinley Circle in Sierra View. This could be a proposed site for the Ambulance. As well, we need to have a Phase I environmental study performed. On motion made by Chuck, seconded by Leigh it was voted to approve the proposal for a Phase I study from MEA, Inc for \$1400.00.

Sun Valley Fire Co. Mrs. Gender was present asking the Board to sign off on a document so they may finance a fire truck. Atty. McDonald reviewed the documents. The lender wants assurance from the Township for this tax exempt bond according to the Internal Revenue Code that the Township sign off on a statement stating Sun Valley Fire Co exists and provides fire fighting services in the Township. No financial involvement or obligation from the Township is required. A public hearing was duly held on July 11 at 11am regarding this issue by the Fire Co. On motion made by Maureen, seconded by Leigh it was voted to have Chuck sign this document. (3-0)

New Business.

Park Utility Bids. There was one bid from Ed Shupp to construct a 16X20 brick building with roof as per plans. On motion made by Maureen, seconded by Leigh it was voted to accept this bid. (3-0)

Resolution for Official Zoning Map. As the map could not be located at the time, this resolution was tabled until the next meeting. On motion made by Chuck, seconded by Leigh it was voted to table this until the August 3 meeting. (3-0)

MPC Maintenance Agreement. It has come to the Board's attention that this sewage maintenance agreement bond is coming to its third anniversary when the bond money should be returned. Several issues are pending at this time, daily meter readings should have been submitted on a quarterly basis but never have and Borger septic pumping never gave written evaluations. At this point, SEO Helen Beers should do an inspection of the site because of the lack of meter readings and report to the Board. It may also be necessary to notify The Department of Agriculture and DEP. On motion made by Chuck, seconded by Maureen it was voted to table this issue until the August 3 meeting. (3-0)

Trailer Purchase. Our trailer to haul heavy equipment has died. The Roadmaster would like permission to purchase one on the State contract, however, the paperwork was not at the meeting to satisfy all the details therefore, on motion made by Chuck, seconded by Maureen it was voted to table this issue until the August 3 meeting. (3-0)

Bills. On motion made by Maureen, seconded by Leigh it was voted to pay the General Fund and Bond Fund bills. (3-0)

Plan. ESSA Bank and Trust – Estate of Kenneth Barthold. Niclaus Engineering. Len Tusar. In for final approval. On the request of Mr. Tusar to table this plan. On motion made by Chuck, seconded by Leigh it was voted to table this plan until the August 3 meeting. (3-0)

Adjournment. There being no further business, on motion made by Leigh, seconded by Chuck it was voted to adjourn at 8:30 p.m. (3-0)

Respectfully submitted,

Cathy A. Baker
Recording Secretary